

In The Claims:

Please replace the previously presented claim set with the following replacement claim set:

1. (Currently Amended) A covering for an aseptic treatment site, comprising:

a substrate defining an aperture which permits selective access to an aseptic treatment site on a patient; and

a transparent cover ~~borne by the substrate and which~~ is removably affixed to a surface of the substrate in substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture, said transparent cover defining a cavity over the aseptic treatment site when the transparent cover is disposed in covering relation relative to the aperture, said cavity representing an empty space bound by (i) a lower surface of the transparent cover, (ii) a peripheral edge of the substrate along walls of the aperture, and (iii) an upper surface of the aseptic treatment site on the patient.

2. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 1, ~~and~~ wherein the substrate comprises a first region having a first region outer periphery, and wherein a selectively detachable second region is joined to the first region along the first region outer periphery, said transparent cover being positioned completely within the first region outer periphery.

3. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 2, ~~and~~ wherein the selectively detachable second region comprises a disposable sterile drape.

4. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 3, ~~and~~ wherein a plurality of weakened areas ~~are formed in a pattern in the second region and which surrounds, at least in part, the first region, and which further facilitates the~~ so as to facilitate detachment of the second region from the first region.

5. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 4, ~~and~~ wherein the second region is fabricated from a cellulosic substrate, and the weakened areas are perforations formed in the

cellulosic substrate and which define the periphery of the first region, and wherein the plurality of perforations permits the second region to be removed from the first region by tearing the cellulosic substrate along the ~~perforation~~ perforations.

6. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 2, ~~and~~ wherein the first region has a first portion which defines the aperture, and a second portion which is made integral with the first portion, and wherein the second region is selectively detachable relative to the second portion.

7-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 6, ~~and~~ wherein the first portion has a first surface and an opposite second surface, and wherein the first surface is juxtaposed relative to the transparent cover when the transparent cover is disposed in substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture, and wherein the second surface has an adhesive coating applied thereto and which releasably adhesively secures the first portion to the patient in a fixed location relative to the aseptic treatment site.

12. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 6, ~~and~~ wherein the transparent cover is hingedly mounted on the first portion, and is moveable along a substantially arcuately shaped path of travel between (i) a first covering position, wherein the transparent cover is disposed in substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture, ~~to~~ and (ii) a second uncovered position wherein the transparent cover allows access to the aseptic treatment site.

13. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 1, ~~and~~ further comprising an adhesive applied to ~~the first~~ an upper surface of the covering and disposed in a location which is adjacent to the aperture, and wherein the adhesive releasably secures the transparent cover in substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture.

14. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 1, ~~and~~ further comprising ~~an~~ a

pattern of adhesive applied to on a lower surface of the transparent cover and which is ~~operable~~ operatively adapted to releasably secure the transparent cover in substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A covering for an aseptic treatment site, comprising:

a flexible substrate having opposite first and second surfaces, and which defines an aperture which permits access to an aseptic treatment site on a patient;

a first adhesive region borne on the second surface of the flexible substrate, and which substantially surrounds the aperture; and

a flexible transparent cover ~~moveably~~ hingedly affixed on the first surface of the flexible substrate, and which is repeatably moveable along a course of travel between (i) a first, covering position relative to the aperture, ~~and~~ which permits observation of the aseptic treatment site, to (ii) a second, uncovered position relative to the aperture, ~~and~~ which permits access to the aseptic treatment site, and (iii) back to the first, covering position without contacting an area bound by the aperture; and

~~a second adhesive region borne by the flexible, transparent cover, and which releasably adhesively affixes the flexible transparent cover to the first surface of the flexible substrate.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 17, ~~and~~ wherein the flexible substrate comprises first and second regions with the flexible transparent cover being positioned completely within the first region, and wherein the first region may be selectively detached from the second region.

19. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 18, ~~and~~ wherein the first region comprises first and second portions, ~~and wherein~~ with the first portion ~~defines~~ defining the aperture, and wherein the second portion may be selectively detached from the second region.

20-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 17 32, and wherein the first adhesive region affixes the flexible substrate on the patient and in substantially sealing relation about the aseptic treatment site, and wherein the first adhesive region has a first adhesive strength, and wherein the second adhesive region has a second adhesive strength which is less than the first adhesive strength.

25. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 17 32, and wherein the first adhesive region releasably affixes the flexible substrate on the patient, and wherein the second adhesive region releasably affixes the transparent cover in covering relation relative to the aperture, and further allows the transparent cover to be repeatedly moved from (i) the first, covering position relative to the aperture, to (ii) the second, uncovered position and back to (i), without adhesively detaching the first adhesive region from the patient.

26. (Currently Amended) A covering as claimed in claim 18, ~~and~~ wherein a plurality of weakened areas are formed in the substrate ~~and which~~ so as to surround the first region, and wherein the first region is ~~detached~~ detachable from the second region by tearing the substrate ~~substantially~~ along the plurality of weakened areas.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A covering for an aseptic treatment site, comprising:

a substrate defining an aperture which permits selective access to an aseptic treatment site on a patient; and

a transparent cover which is releasably adhesively affixed to the substrate and positioned in covering relation relative to the aperture, said transparent cover having an upper surface and a lower surface, said lower surface having a pattern of adhesive thereon for

releasably adhesively affixing the transparent cover to the substrate, wherein a portion of the lower surface of the transparent cover that extends over the aperture is free of adhesive.

30. (Currently Amended) A covering for an aseptic treatment site, comprising:

a first ~~portion~~ region of a substrate ~~and which has~~ having opposite first and second surfaces, the first region defining and which further defines an aperture which permits access to and surrounds a treatment site on a patient;

a layer of adhesive borne by the second surface of the first ~~portion~~ region, the layer of adhesive being operatively adapted so as to adhere of a substrate and which adheres the first ~~portion of the substrate~~ region in a substantially fixed location relative to the ~~aseptic~~ treatment site;

a second ~~portion~~ region of the substrate ~~and which is~~ releasably attached to and surrounds the first ~~portion of the substrate~~ region, and wherein the second portion of the substrate region is detached detachable from the first portion region so as to leave the first portion of the substrate region on the patient and around at the aseptic treatment site; and

a transparent cover which is ~~adhesively~~ affixed to the first surface of the first ~~portion of the substrate, region~~ and positioned completely within the first region in covering relation relative to the aperture, the transparent cover allowing medical personal to view the ~~aseptic~~ treatment site without removing the transparent cover, and while maintaining the ~~aseptic~~ treatment site in an aseptic condition.

31. (New) A covering as claimed in claim 14, wherein said pattern of adhesive comprises a line of adhesive that surrounds the aperture when the transparent cover is positioned in covering relation relative to the aperture, and wherein a portion of the lower surface of the transparent cover that extends over the aperture is free of adhesive.

32. (New) A covering as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a second adhesive region borne by the flexible, transparent cover, and which releasably adhesively affixes the flexible transparent

cover to the first surface of the flexible substrate when the flexible transparent cover is in the first, covering position.

33. (New) A covering as claimed in claim 29, wherein said pattern of adhesive comprises a line of adhesive that surrounds the aperture when the transparent cover is positioned in covering relation relative to the aperture.

34. (New) A covering as claimed in claim 30, wherein a line of perforations separates the first region and the second region so as to facilitate detachment of the second region from the first region.

35. (New) A covering as claimed in claim 30, wherein the transparent cover defines a cavity over the treatment site when the transparent cover is disposed in covering relation relative to the aperture such that no portion of the covering comes into contact with the patient within an area bound by the aperture.

36. (New) A disposable drape comprising:

a first region comprising first region material having a first region outer periphery and an aperture positioned within the first region outer periphery and surrounded by the first region material, wherein the aperture is sized so as to surround an aseptic treatment site on a patient so that the aseptic treatment site is accessible through the aperture; and

a second region surrounding the first region outer periphery of the first region, said second region being detachably joined to the first region material such that detachment of the second region from the first region does not alter an outer periphery of the aperture.

37. (New) A drape as claimed in claim 36, wherein the first region and the second region are separated from one another by a plurality of weakened areas that form a pattern of perforations.

38. (New) A drape as claimed in claim 36, further comprising a transparent cover having a

transparent cover outer periphery, said transparent cover being removably affixed to the first region in a substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture such that the transparent cover outer periphery surrounds the aperture when the transparent cover is in a first, covering position relative to the aperture.

39. (New) A drape as claimed in claim 38, wherein said transparent cover adhesively attaches to the first region in a substantially aseptic covering relation relative to the aperture.

40. (New) A drape as claimed in claim 36, further comprising an adhesive on a back side of the first region material for releasably adhering the first region material to a patient, said adhesive surrounding the aperture.

41. (New) A method of covering an aseptic treatment site, said method comprising the steps of:
positioning the disposable drape of Claim 36 over the aseptic treatment site such that the aseptic treatment site is accessible through the aperture;
covering the aseptic treatment site with a transparent cover so as to releasably affix the transparent cover to areas of the first region surrounding the aperture; and
detaching the second region from the first region.

42. (New) A method as claimed in claim 41, further comprising:
after said positioning step and prior to said covering step, performing a surgical procedure on the aseptic treatment site.